Vanilla Sky

Summary of Film

The movie, “Vanilla Sky” was a crazy, beautiful, mystery, thriller filled with twists and turns and has a brief look into a singular world. The film follows a character names David Aimes played by the movie blockbuster actor Tom Cruise. David Aimes is a playboy who inherits his wealthy father’s global empire. Aimes is addicted to his vanity and looks. He is addicted to the power of being in control as well as his intelligence.

Vanilla Sky follows David on the simple choices he makes which change everything. He decides to sleep with a girl (Cameron Diaz) who falls in love fast and unfortunately breaks her heart. He had found the true love of his life. Sophia (Penelope Cruz) was the embodiment of purity and grace. David was ready to end his bachelor ways all to pursue her love. The night he left Sofia’s house he was approached by the other girl. She wanted to talk with David so he gets in her car. Moments later in pure rage she drives her car off a bridge ultimately killing herself and leaving David horribly disfigured.

The story then follows David’s recovery and his relationships with his friends, family, his company and Sophia. The story then starts to distort as we begin to see many dreams of David Aimes. The dreams become more and more frequent and sick as the story progresses. David almost cannot decipher the difference between dreams and reality. David believes he has murdered the Sophia within his dream yet is not sure if it is reality. The story almost abruptly stops being about romance yet more about what is reality.

The mind of David becomes completely warped in the progression of the movie believing everyone in out to get him. He then shuttles himself from the outside world to avoid any troubles by staying in his apartment. One night he goes out to a local bar alone is when he was introduced to a man that made everything come together.

The man tells David that he is tech support and that there was an unfortunate glitch in his system. Confused David listens to the man who claims to be tech support. The man claims that David had signed a contract 150 ago that keeps his body is crio- genially frozen and his brain connected a sensory board. The sensory board allows David to live out of his wildest fantasies and wishes in his brain while his body still remains frozen.

David shocked by the results comes to the conclusion that everything he has even known in his life was a jumble of fantasy’s and reality. Even in the end of the film David asks to live a real life and he doesn’t want to dream any longer. The tech support has no choice but to grant David with his command. David awakes in the ending of the film in a reality form.

The Idea

Vanilla Sky is a fond film which breaks through the idea of a brain in a vat which was deeply discussed in Philosophy. In Vanilla Sky, David wanted to know what it felt like to be genuinely happy. He wanted to be able to conquer his fear of heights. He wanted to know what true love felt like. In the end we realize the advancement in technology has allowed David to fulfill his every wish even after death.

In the actuality of things none of us truly know that our reality is the real reality. We can possibly just be living in an elaborate world of illusions. Nothing we know can be true. Vanilla Sky may have altered on a few ideas of technology, yet I feel in years to come much of these ideas I believe are plausible. We already have advance sensory video games. We already have brain scanners which can detect mood and behavior. We have found new ways to live longer and more productively so why couldn’t we out live our own lives to a more singular state of being.